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SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I wonder if I could ask Senator Stoney a question.

SPEAKER BURBACH: Do you yield, Senator Stoney?

SENATOR STONEY: Yes, Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Stoney, I gathered from your explanation that this was not going to have any serious affect on certificates held at the present time inasmuch as they continue to upgrade their education but then I also note on the fiscal statement here, it says this bill will require the minimum of an AB degree for the initial certification. Is that correct?

SENATOR STONEY: I don't know if I can address myself to that question. Perhaps the Chairman of the Education Committee, Senator Lewis, can give us some insight on that, Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, then, Mr. President, may I ask Senator Lewis the same question.

SPEAKER BURBACH: Senator Lewis, do you yield?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes, I do. Senator Carsten, what that means is we issue no more certifications letters or we don't certify any more teachers unless they have a Bachelor's degree.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, for the initial certification.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes, sir. That has nothing to do with those that currently have a certificate.

SENATOR CARSTEN: A certificate now.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That is right, but those coming in would be required to have a Bachelor's degree which is consistent with what we do now.

SENATOR CARSTEN: But those that do have the certificate now will be required to upgrade their education, is that correct?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: As prescribed by Senator Stoney's bill but they are not required to have a degree. The degree for certification only applies to those who make application now.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you.

SPEAKER BURBACH: The Chair recognizes Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to direct a question to Senator Stoney, if I might, if he will yield.

SENATOR STONEY: Yes, Senator Lewis.